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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Where the Application of: ) Atty. Docket No.: 03493.00309  
Mikhail Boroditsky et al. ) (IDS 2000-0578-C)  
Serial 09/973,699 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
No.: ) Filed: October 11, 2001 ) Examiner: Unassigned

For: **SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HIGH CONNECTIVITY COMMUNICATIONS OVER  
A PACKET-SWITCHED OPTICAL RING NETWORK USING COMPOSITE PACKETS  
(as amended)**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
**Attn: Box Application**

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of any claim fees, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please replace the existing title with the amended title as follows:

--SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HIGH CONNECTIVITY COMMUNICATIONS OVER  
A PACKET-SWITCHED OPTICAL RING NETWORK USING COMPOSITE PACKETS--

**REMARKS**

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT**

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